

Table 7.
Experimental Poverty Measures: 1999 to 2001

(Percentage poor)

Measure	1999	2000	2001
Official measure.....	11.9	*11.3	*11.7
No Geographic Adjustment of Thresholds			
Medical costs alternative 1 (MSI-NGA).....	12.2	12.1	*12.4
Medical costs alternative 2 (MIT-NGA).....	12.8	12.7	12.8
Medical costs alternative 3 (CMB-NGA).....	12.9	12.8	13.0
Geographic Adjustment of Thresholds			
Medical costs alternative 1 (MSI-GA).....	12.1	12.0	*12.3
Medical costs alternative 2 (MIT-GA).....	12.7	12.5	*12.7
Medical costs alternative 3 (CMB-GA).....	12.8	12.6	*12.9

*Statistically significant change from the previous year.

For an explanation of the measures, see text and Short (2001).

All estimates use Census 2000-based weights and may differ from previously published estimates.

All thresholds are updated for inflation with the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U).

See www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/povmeas/report.htm for measures updated using growth in median expenditures.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2000, 2001, and 2002 Annual Demographic Supplements.